



Eastern Idaho

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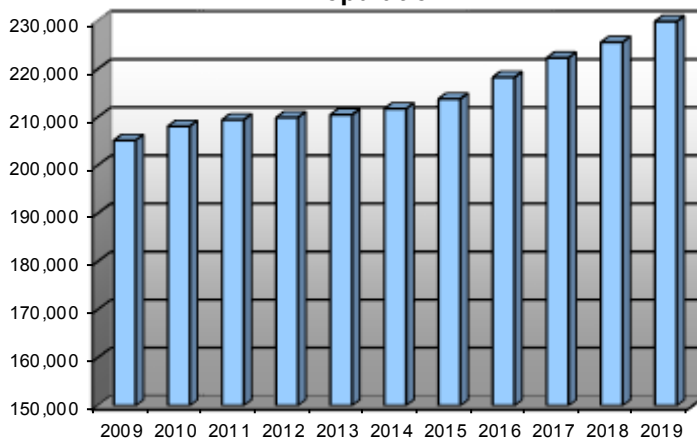
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Population

Eastern Idaho consists of nine diverse counties — Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton. The area grew by 24,700 during the decade with Teton, Jefferson and Bonneville counties experiencing the greatest growth. In 2010 Bonneville, Butte and Jefferson counties were established as the Idaho Falls metropolitan statistical area, which has received national attention for its high growth and low unemployment rates. It is currently one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the nation. Eastern Idaho is flush with educational opportunities with BYU-I in Rexburg and Eastern Idaho Technical College transitioning to the College of Eastern Idaho, this fall, in Idaho Falls.

Workforce Trends

Population

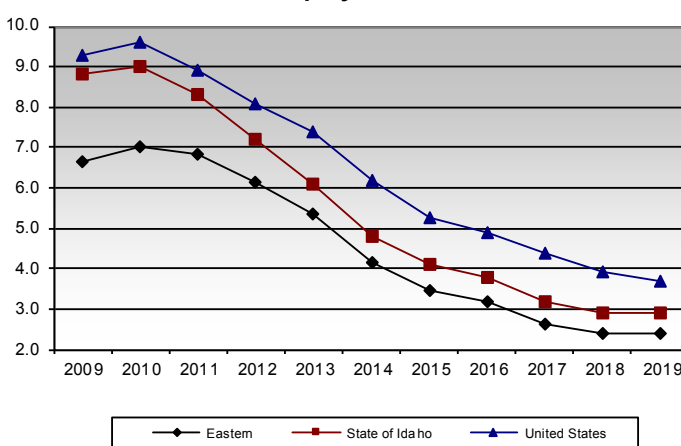


Labor Force & Employment

The unemployment rate for eastern Idaho remained comparatively low prior even throughout the 2008 recession period. Although the region's unemployment rate did increase during the recession to a high of 7 percent in 2010, it remained well below the state and national average. In 2019, the annual regional unemployment rate was 2.3 percent, unchanged from 2018 and the lowest it has been since 2007. Economic diversity and workforce stability is provided by the Idaho National Laboratory and other major regional employers.

All nine counties are heavily involved in agriculture and related industries like wholesale food and food processing. The twin cities of Idaho Falls/Ammon are the regions hub for retail and health care. The region is a gateway to popular tourist destinations like Yellowstone National Park, and hundreds of thousands of tourists

Unemployment Rates



Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	115,822	119,721
Total Employment	113,105	116,161
Unemployed	2,717	3,560
Eastern Idaho % Unemployed	2.3	3.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

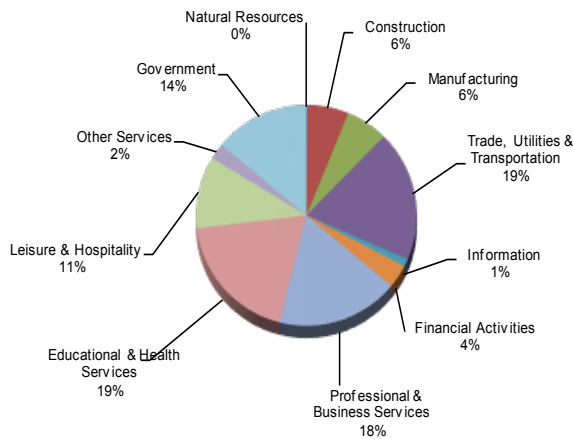
pass through it annually on U.S. Highway 20. Henry's Lake, known worldwide for its trout fishery, and Borah Peak, the highest point in the state, are some of the attractions. Butte County is home to the world's first nuclear power plant, EBR-1, and Arco, the first city in the world to be lit by nuclear energy. The inventor of television, Philo Farnsworth, was from Jefferson County. High mountains, deep rivers and fertile valleys underscore the area's beauty.

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	97,122	99,347	99,610	99,666	99,286	100,685	103,464	106,544	108,893	112,078	115,083
Unemployment	6,472	6,978	6,825	6,118	5,298	4,170	3,574	3,388	2,868	2,697	2,737
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.1	5.3	4.1	3.5	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.4
Employment	90,650	92,369	92,785	93,548	93,988	96,515	99,890	103,156	106,025	109,381	112,346

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



Covered Employers

Average employment increased by nearly 4,923 during the decade, and average wages increased by \$6,924. The largest sectors are trade, health and education, government and professional and business services — most are INL jobs. Government also includes hospitals and correctional facilities. Other significant government employers are the federal departments of Energy and Agriculture, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Idaho Fish and Game Department. Construction, after declining during the recession, shows renewed strength, and leisure and hospitality is playing a growing role.

Major Employers

Battelle Energy Alliance
Fluor Idaho
Fluor Marine Propulsion
Brigham Young University Idaho
CH2M-WG Idaho LLC
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Melaleuca, Inc.
Century Link
Walmart

Eastern Idaho Occupational Wages	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks	\$10.76	\$16.28
Cashiers	\$8.39	\$10.51
Construction Laborers	\$11.74	\$16.02
Customer Service Representatives	\$10.80	\$14.35
First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	\$13.20	\$20.95
Food Preparation Workers	\$8.57	\$10.80
General Managers	\$8.57	\$10.80
Janitors & Cleaners	\$9.27	\$12.40
Laborers & Material Movers, Hand	\$9.73	\$14.04
Office Clerks, General	\$9.99	\$14.77
Registered Nurses	\$23.59	\$30.26
Retail Salespersons	\$8.83	\$13.52
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	\$10.48	\$14.05
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.58	\$18.64
Waiters & Waitresses	\$8.46	\$11.24

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at <https://lmi.idaho.gov/oes>

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2009, 2018 & 2019	2009		2018		2019	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	79,765	\$34,933	93,185	\$41,081	95,810	\$42,452
Agriculture	2,353	\$26,069	2,262	\$35,557	2,255	\$36,495
Mining	412	\$58,568	117	\$73,578	100	\$87,073
Construction	4,654	\$35,183	5,575	\$41,358	5,930	\$43,248
Manufacturing	4,142	\$32,253	5,792	\$43,075	6,016	\$45,085
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	17,364	\$28,335	18,816	\$33,950	18,716	\$35,452
Information	1,581	\$33,792	1,030	\$42,537	1,063	\$42,228
Financial Activities	2,822	\$33,591	3,116	\$46,825	3,270	\$46,892
Professional and Business Services	14,359	\$59,306	17,064	\$68,278	17,489	\$70,654
Educational and Health Services	10,634	\$34,210	14,315	\$38,102	15,067	\$39,256
Leisure and Hospitality	7,066	\$11,921	9,825	\$15,147	10,298	\$15,777
Other Services	1,807	\$23,255	2,043	\$28,129	2,079	\$29,001
Government	12,571	\$33,555	13,229	\$38,826	13,528	\$39,701

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Eastern Idaho	\$28,768	\$29,212	\$30,613	\$32,351	\$32,811	\$33,875	\$36,536	\$37,887	\$39,329	\$41,170
State of Idaho	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
United States	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis